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In re Application of: Ward

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For: Mechanically Sealed Adjustable Gas Nozzle

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

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Sir:

The Applicant received the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated June 24, 2009. The specific objection related to the grouping of independent claims together for the summary of claimed subject matter. Specifically, claims 1 and 17 were grouped together. Claims 1 and 17 have now been described separately beginning at page 5 and continuing through page 7 which is intended to address the specific objection. The Appeal Brief is now believed to be in proper format for substantive examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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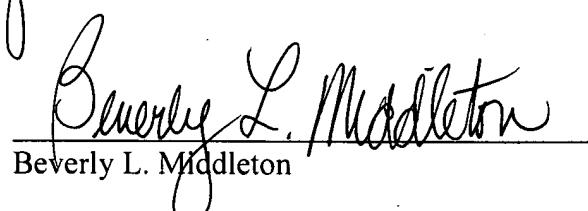


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